

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF APPLICATION OF SOUTH)
CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE TO OFFER)
DIGITAL ESSX SERVICE AND) CASE NO. 9496
RESTRUCTURE ANALOG ESSX SERVICE)

O R D E R

On December 18, 1985, South Central Bell Telephone filed a tariff with the Commission proposing Digital ESSX Service and restructuring its analog ESSX offering.

Digital ESSX service provides a digital switching service for intercommunication purposes between stations of a subscriber and for connection through the local and long distance telephone network to other subscribers on a dial basis without intermediate handling by an attendant. Digital ESSX Service is very similar to the proposed ESSX Service offering. The major difference is that all switching is performed in digital format. In addition, the digital central office is modular in concept, intending to allow more timely feature additions or changes than the existing ESSX serving central offices.

As with ESSX, Digital ESSX will be offered in three sizes and offer the same basic features as ESSX.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff and that such

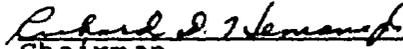
proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the proposed tariff be and it hereby is suspended for 5 months on and after the 18th day of January, 1986. The pages of the tariff hereby suspended are:

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of January, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary